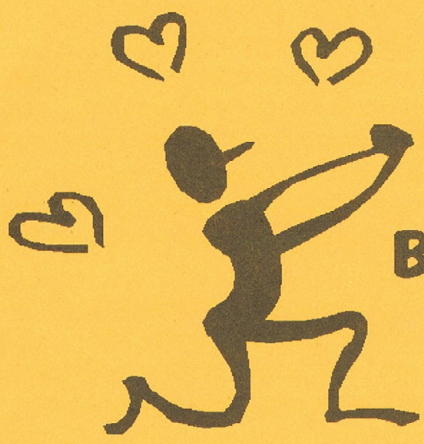
LEYS NEWS

This newsletter is produced quarterly by an editorial committee of residents and local workers.
It is distributed to all households in the new part of Blackbird Leys.
All contributions welcome. Deadline: Thursday 10th April 1997

Farmstead Community Socials

Valentine Disco



Saturday 15th February 1997
7-10:30 p.m.
at the Barn
Bar - Snacks - Tuck Shop - Disco

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult

Tickets: £2.50 for family of 4
80p single

available at the Dovecote Centre, Nightingale Avenue
Monday - Thursday mornings only

Grant aided Oxford City Council and the Housing Associations

TENANTS HOUSING SURGERIES

Ealing Family Housing Association:
Elaine Partridge,
Tuesdays and Thursdays,
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Oxford Citizens Housing Association:
Linda Gwynn,
Tuesdays,
1 to 4 p.m.

Cherwell Housing Trust:
Norma Farr & Emma Largey,
Last Thursday of every month,
2 to 5 p.m.

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FARMHOUSE OPENING HOURS

The Housing Office at the Farmhouse
is
open from 9 a.m. to 1p.m.
and from 2 to 5 p.m. daily.
except
Wednesday mornings
when the reception desk is open
but phone lines are closed
(an answering machine will be
available for messages)

Barn Events

Steps Ahead
Legs, tums and bums class (Aerobics)
Tues. + Thur. 7-8 p.m. £2.50/session

Self Defence Warriors
Freestyle Karate Club (all ages)
Fri. 6-8 p.m.

Karate Club
age 5-12
Tues. 5-6 p.m. £2/session
Sat 10-11 am £2/session

Ken Cook and Dave Bird
Community Caretakers

RAINBOW PLAYGROUP

Jubilee Community Centre
Sorrel Road, Blackbird Leys.
is reopening - Tuesday 21st January 1997
Hours of opening: Monday - Friday
9.15 - 11.45 a.m.
£1.75 per session

* Spaces still available for Jan./Feb. start.
* Names also taken on waiting list at 1 year.
* We are intending to accept Nursery Vouchers as from April '97.
* Excellent experienced staff are on hand to make the sessions enjoyable and educational for children aged 3-5 years.

For further information, please contact
Joanne Smith, ☎ **(01865) 712299**

SHEPHERD HILL PLAYGROUP

From April 1997, this Playgroup will be taking Vouchers for four year olds. This means we are committed to provide activities in a learning environment with a curriculum suitable for four year olds as in any other under five's establishment.
If you are unable to get your child into the Nursery of your choice or if you choose to keep your child at Playgroup, the vouchers may be redeemed here and your child will receive quality Nursery education five mornings a week.
Of course the Playgroup will still be mainly for three year olds and all children wishing to attend the Playgroup must have their names on the waiting list - call ☎ **779504** or call in for any other information.
Fees for three year olds will continue to be £1.75 per session.

Easter Playscheme

1st to 4th April
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
£2.50 per day
Call into the office for a registration form
£4 to accompany form

THE DOVECOTE

Weekly Activities

Monday: **After School Club**
3.15 - 4.45 p.m. age 5 - 12 50p/session

Wednesday: **New Ol' Leys Lunchtime Club**
12 - 2 p.m. all ages welcome

also: **Credit Union Collection**

Thursday: **Carer and Toddler Group**
10 - 11.30 a.m. all welcome 50p/session
After School Club
3.15 - 4.45 p.m. age 5 - 12 50p/session

BARN FOR HIRE

The Barn is available for hire for private functions.
For Housing Association residents the charge is only £10/hour.
For further information, call into Ealing Family Housing Association reception or contact Ken Cook or Dave Bird (Community Caretakers).

NEW SCHEME FOR LONE PARENTS.

"Partners"
A support programme for lone parents

Lone parents in Oxfordshire who need advice and information about getting into education and employment are being invited to join a new scheme.
The "partners" programme offers lone parents the opportunity for one to one support from a trained volunteer mentor over a period of several months.
Scheme Co-ordinator, Helen Smith, says -
"Many lone parents are caught in the benefit trap. They want to do something different, but are not always sure how to go about making changes."
By being matched up with a suitable mentor, the lone parents will be helped to identify their skills, find suitable and affordable childca
re, plus information on courses and employment opportunities.
The scheme is being run by Westminster College, in Oxford, but meetings between mentors and lone parents will take place at suitable local venues.
Childcare costs will be met during these meetings.
If you think you could benefit from having your own mentor to help you to work towards some of your future hopes then contact Helen Smith on ☎ **(01865) 247644 ext 6316** or write to her at Westminster College, Oxford, OX2 9AT.

CHILDCARE DISREGARD EXPLAINED

✧**What it means**
From October 1994, childcare costs up to £40* would be taken into account when assessing families entitlement to Family Credit, Disability Working Allowance, Housing Benefit or Council Tax .
*(Increased to £60 in April 1996)
i.e. A family with a weekly take home earnings of £100 a week and spending £40 per week on registered childcare, will be treated as if they are taking home £60 meaning that they could then receive more benefit.

✧**Who is entitled to claim?**
-Lone parents who are working 16 hours or more
-couples where both are working 16 hours or more
-couples where one is working 16 hours or more and the other is incapacitated and receiving incapacity benefits (including Attendance Allowance, DLA and invalidity benefit)
This may also mean that families currently earning over the limit for Family Credit may be entitled to claim.

✧**Conditions/Limitations**
-Only applies where the charges are incurred for a child under 11 who is looked after by a registered childcare provider.
-will not benefit those families currently on maximum Family Credit.

✧**Purpose**
The purpose is to help low income families in work with childcare costs and also encourage and enable families to take up work.
For further information, contact your local benefits office.
For details of registered childcare in Blackbird Leys, contact Joanne Smith, Outreach Worker, c/o The Dovecote, ☎**(01865) 712299**

PROPOSED NEW COMMUNITY SHOP FOR BLACKBIRD LEYS

Just prior to going to press, we were informed that the Co-op have indicated interest in developing a new community shop on The Green, adjacent to The Dovecote and The Barn in Nightingale Avenue.
If the feasibility study is favourable, the shop will bring much needed facilities to the area.
We hope to include further information in the next edition of Leys News.
For more information, contact Jon Cross, OCDA, on ☎ **772822**.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Many people do not realise that there is a fully operational Catholic Church serving the Greater Leys and Blackbird Leys Estates.
This is Sacred Heart Church on the corner of Balfour Road and Sawpit Road, Blackbird Leys, near the Post Office and shops. The resident priest is Fr. John Hancock who lives on the church premises and the parish sister, Sister Vianney.
Both can be contacted at the church or on ☎ **779658**.
There is a Sunday Mass at 9.30 a.m. which includes a lively children's group and a mass at 6 p.m.
There is also a daily Mass and Baptisms and marriages can be arranged.
It is hoped that a new parent and toddler group will begin early in 1997.
Fr. John and Sr. Vianney are always pleased to visit those who are sick or housebound or in any difficulties.
If you are a Catholic and are new to the area or have not been to Mass for some time, do please think about coming to Sacred Heart Church.
It is YOUR church and is here to serve your spiritual and religious needs.

Little Angels Toddler Group
every Wednesday morning: 9.30 - 11 a.m.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Holy Family Church (1 Cuddesdon Way, Blackbird Leys) welcomes those of all Denominations and none at its 10 a.m. Sunday service.
Children are most welcome - Sunday School meets during the service. Every first Sunday of the month, children take part in the main service.
We represent the Church of England, and Baptists, and Methodists, and United Reformed Church, working together, and involved in helping the community.
We have close links with Sacred Heart Roman Catholic church.
Once a month we hold a Sunday evening service in The Barn - why not join us on January 14th or February 16th at 4 p.m.
Ash Wednesday (the start of Lent) is February 12th - we have a special, solemn service at the church at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.
For enquiries about weddings, christenings, adult baptism, confirmation, healing services, or any other Christian ministry, please feel free to contact either: the Revd. James Ramsay (**778728**) or the Revd. Brenda Wilson (**774187**).
God bless.

THE CHURCHES' HOUSING COALITION

At the last Leys Residents Association Meeting, support was given for the churches' Housing Coalition (Oxford) to conduct a random survey of families in the new development. This is in order to build up a picture of what it is like living in temporary accommodation. CHC(O) is a campaigning organisation and is trying to bring the issue of homelessness and bad housing to the attention of the general public and politicians.
This survey will take place between the 10th and 21st February. The callers will wear identifying badges and will carry an introductory letter on headed notepaper. Answering the questions is entirely voluntary, the information given will be strictly confidential and no names need be given. CHC(O) is most anxious that nobody should feel in any way uneasy about the survey.
If you have any particular worries, please get in touch with Jim Hewitt on ☎ **773098**.

TRAINING UPDATE

- Building Maintenance Training
The Building Maintenance Training continues at the OCDA (Oxforshire Co-operative Development Agency) Training Centre.
The current group will be moving out into work placements with a variety of local employers including Oxford University during February.
A measure of success of the course is the number of former trainees who have gone on into full employment and/or further training.
Congratulations to all of those trainees.
The next Building Maintenance Course starts in the beginning of March, and has been revamped to include a choice of NVQ.
Some trainees may even want to work towards two!
Anyone interested in Building Maintenance / Carpentry or Joinery and/or Building Craft Operations please ring Gill Baker on ☎ **772822** or ☎ **715588** for more information.

- Care training
The last training for Adult Care Nurses delivered in partnership with Oxfordshire Social Services finished in December, with the majority of trainees achieving creditation toward NVQ Level 2 in Care.

Congratulations!

The nest course is due to start at the end of January.
Anyone interested in attending training courses in Adult Care should ring Pearl Flannagan on ☎ **854420**.

THE RESOURCE CENTRE

The Oxfordshire Mental Health Centre is a place where you can come and talk about your problems. People contact us for a variety of reasons: it might be because they are caring for someone, because they are feeling low or because they are experiencing severe mental distress.
One in four people will suffer from mental health problems at some point in their lives and roughly one in ten will seek medical help.
Mental health problems can affect people at any time in their lives and as well as working with people suffering from illnesses such as schizophrenia and manic depression, we also work with people who have been bereaved, who are stressed, who need support over specific issues such as relationship breakdowns, unemployment, physical illness and many other things.
We are an independent advice and information centre which is open to anyone with any interest in mental health and we provide advice on all aspects of mental health, including self help groups, complementary therapies, medication, legal issues, benefits, coming to terms with sexual abuse, eating problems, bereavement, day care and counseling.
We also have Asian and African Caribbean Mental Health Development Workers who specifically focus on the needs of the Asian and African Caribbean communities.
Their role is to improve the mental health services available to Black and Asian communities by making them more accessible and culturally sensitive.
If you wish to see one of the workers please ring up to make an appointment. They can also talk in Punjabi and Urdu.
The other service the centre provides is 'Allies Mental Health Advocacy' which is a single issue crisis advocacy service for patients at Littlemore and Warneford hospitals.
The advocates visit the hospital wards every week and are available to support patients in voicing their concerns, needs and preferences.
They can also help patients find out where to get the information they need.
If you would like more information on mental health or the work of Resource Centre please ring us on **728981** or call in to 19 Paradise Street, Oxford just behind the Westgate Shopping Centre.
We are open:

Monday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.,
Tuesday 10 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.,
Wednesday 1.30 - 4.30 p.m.,
Thursday 10 a.m. - 6.30 p.m. and
Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you!

PATHWAYS PROJECT

The new Pathways Development of a workshop for disabled people is progressing well towards its completion in late February. Once complete it will provide jobs and training opportunities for many local disadvantaged people. The building will house a woodwork mill and shop and will contribute to recycling waste, offcuts and green wood by turning them into garden furniture and equipment.
For further details, contact Jon Cross, OCDA on ☎ **772822**

BUSES

Discussions are in progress with the bus companies about improving bus services to the Leys and the new development at Fry's Hill. -- *WATCH THIS SPACE.*

BACK TO WORK

Are you on Income Support and about to start a new job?
Have you been out of work for 6 months or more?
If the answer to these questions is yes, then you may be able to benefit from the Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit Extended Payments Scheme. If you qualify, it means an extra four weeks of Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit, irrespective of your earnings. This could help remove any worries about paying the rent in the first few weeks of coming off Income Support.
All claims must be made within seven days of Income Support stopping, so if you think you may qualify, don't delay.
To make a claim, pick up form NHP1-EP from your Job Centre or local Social Security Office and ensure that it is completed and returned within the seven days allowed.
You may still qualify for Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit after the Extended Payment runs out. This must be claimed in the usual way from Oxford City Council on their claim form.
We have a range of leaflets in the Farmhouse, Nightingale Avenue, which explain this and many other benefits. You are welcome to drop in at any time during opening hours and pick up a leaflet.

Margot Pattison,
Ealing Family Welfare Rights Worker

STOP PRESS

NEW POST BOX installed at Brake Hill. Post Box at The Barn to follow.

NEW HOUSING FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE ON FRY'S HILL

New Housing Association homes are now being built at Greater Leys, consisting of 565 dwellings altogether. 396 will be for renting and 169 for shared ownership.
The development includes 148 flats at Fry's Hill for elderly persons. Half are 1 and 2 bedroom independent self-contained flats, and the remainder are 1 bedroom flats within two separate sheltered housing schemes. They will be managed by Oxford Citizens and Ealing Family Housing Associations.
All the homes will be built to a very high standard. They will have full central heating and will be well insulated, which will mean low fuel bills. The elderly person housing will also have a number of special features including communal entry systems, connection to the Community Alarm service, fitted kitchens and customised aids and adaptations.
In addition to the high quality housing, the leisure and welfare needs of elderly people will also be catered for. £500,000 is being spent on the construction of a purpose-built Centre for elderly people. The Centre will give opportunities for leisure and recreation for all sections of the elderly community as well as providing a base for bringing services, including care and support, to people where they live. The flats will be available from the middle of 1997, and should all be let by early 1998.
Applications are invited now for interested people, who must either be existing Council tenants or registered on the housing waiting list.
Help will be given towards the removal expenses of elderly people who vacate larger houses to move to smaller accommodation and those who have to leave sub-standard accommodation.
Showhomes will be opening soon so that people can view the development before accepting an offer, and staff from the City Council and Housing Associations will be available to help will all aspects of moving.
If you are interested in being considered for this scheme, please contact the local Council housing office for a housing application form.

Rose Hill	**770670**	Northway	**741019**
Wood Farm	**741811**	Blackbird Leys	**718811**
Barton	**741861**	Carfax	**249811**

Alternatively, you can contact Oxford Citizens Housing Association on ☎ **773000**, or Ealing Family on ☎ **712244**.

Robert Brown
Policy and Information Officer
Oxford City Council
☎ **252697**

CAN YOU HELP WITH NAMES?

The new housing at Fry's Hill includes 2 sheltered housing schemes and the community centre for older people.
Each of these 3 buildings needs A NAME.
We are looking for suggestions.
If you have any ideas, please pass them to Wendy Spray ☎ **712244**.

FARMSTEAD MANAGEMENT GROUP

A successful Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 7th December. Congratulations to the following people who are elected to be on the committee:

Chairperson: Nathan Knight
Vice-Chair: Benny Solomon
Secretary: Deo Haguma
Treasurer: Susan Fitzsimons
Committee Members: Patsy Spencer, Bernadette Robertson, Cathy Foot, Niqui Rowlands
Co-opted Member: Cynthia Fine
Housing Association Representatives:
Norma Farr — Cherwell Housing Trust
Ken Cook — Ealing Family Housing Association
Marion Harris — Northcote Housing Association
Dave Bird — Oxford Citizens Housing Association

The Committee will be having regular meetings to plan the effective use of The Barn. If you have ideas, contact Committee Members directly or via Wendy Spray on ☎ **712244**.

FARMSTEAD SOCIALS GROUP

Many thanks to all who supported our Family Social Launch. We now have a full committee in place and will hope to put a social evening once a month. The dates should be the first Saturday in each month. Our next event will be on February 15th, Saturday evening, for Valentine Dance.
We look forward to your support for forthcoming events.

Nathan Knight
Chair Person

VOTE FOR YOUR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Come to the

First Annual General Meeting of The Leys Residents Association

on

Tuesday 11th February 1997

At The Farmhouse, Nightingale Avenue
6.30 - 8 p.m. (tea/coffee from 6.15 p.m.)
Glass of wine and soft drinks at 8 p.m.

Vote for:
Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer
and 4 - 8 Committee members

A strong Residents Association can make a real difference to life on the Leys.

Membership of the Leys Residents Association is open to all adults living in the area bounded by Grenoble Road, Northfield Brook and the new Oxford Football Stadium; and Falcon Close. Other interested individuals e.g. living just outside this area, may become 'Friends of the Association'.

Free crèche in The Dovecote for under 12's

For a copy of the constitution or for further information, contact Wendy Spray, Tenant Participation Worker, ☎ **712244**

Nomination Form for Leys Residents Association Committee

Name of person proposed:
Address:

Tel. no:

Name of proposer:
Address:

Tel. no:

Position: Chair / Vice Chair / Treasurer / Secretary / Committee Member (4-8 places)

(Please circle the relevant position or positions)

This form should be returned to **Wendy Spray, Tenants Participation Worker, The Farmhouse, Nightingale Avenue, Blackbird Leys, Oxford, OX4 5BU - by 12 noon Monday 10th February 1997**.

Nominations can be taken at the meeting if the positions have not been filled.

WEA COURSES STARTING SOON:

New opportunities for Black Women
A **free course** for black women who would like to work together to build confidence, develop job seeking and study skills and find out what's on offer

East Oxford Community Centre
Tuesdays 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon
Information session 15th Feb.
Educational credits available

Bridge into learning and work
A free course with free crèche for women for whom English is a second language. Get skills and confidence for finding work while developing your learning skills

Cowley Community Ed. Office
Mondays 10 a.m. - 12 noon
Information session 24th Feb.
Educational credits available

Assertiveness Training for men and women
Builds your communication skills and helps in handling your work and private relationships
£37.50 (free to claimants) 8 weeks

Wesley Memorial Hall,
New Inn Hall Street
Mondays 7 - 9 p.m.
Starts 27th Jan.

Getting the Best out Meetings
Don't waste your time at boring meetings! Find the best way to make the meetings you go to as productive and enjoyable as possible £10

Asian Cultural Centre
Wednesdays 9.30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
26th Feb. and 3rd Mar.

WEA
THAMES AND SOLENT

Later in the term, we hope to be running other courses such as *Women Writing, First Aid.*
For details of these and other WEA courses ring Annie on ☎ **(01865) 361841** or pick up a leaflet from the Farmhouse.

The WEA is a national organisation (reg. charity 314001) providing education for adults.

STOP PRESS: Women's Safety and Security, taster session - FREE.
The Barn, Nightingale Avenue, Tues. 4th March - 1.30 to 3 p.m.
FREE crèche in The Dovecote.

DOVECOTE & SANDERS SUPPORT GROUP FOR MUMS

KIDS!! KIDS!!

DON'T THEY DRIVE YOU

CRAZY SOMETIMES!!!

THEY ARGUE!!
THEY DON'T DO AS THEY ARE TOLD!

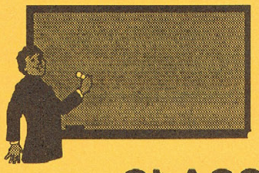
Free sessions with free crèche
Starting Friday 7th February 1.15 -2.45 p.m.
in The Dovecote Green Room
8 weekly sessions to look at and share our experiences

For more information contact Annie Winner (WEA) on ☎ **(01865) 361841** or Carol Baxter on ☎ **(01865) 712299** or call into The Dovecote office to enrol on the course

BLACKBIRD LEYS ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

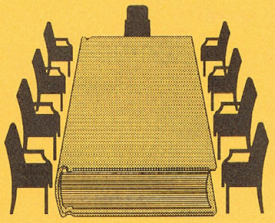
HALL FOR HIRE

PARTIES



CLASSES

MEETINGS



For bookings and Information, contact
(01865) 747704

KEEP IT SAFE

Burglary, vandalism, drugs, domestic violence, harassment, dangerous driving - all things residents at Blackbird Leys have sadly experienced in recent months.

There is no evidence to suggest that these problems are any worse at Blackbird Leys than in many other parts of Oxford or other cities, but the size and nature of the new housing association development is bound to attract publicity, and the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour on individuals and the community can be devastating.

Three Clear Messages

Staff from the Blackbird Leys consortium of housing associations have been working on a response to these problems, and some messages are already very clear;

* everyone with an interest in the future of Blackbird Leys community agrees that crime and anti-social behaviour is unacceptable and must be tackled and wherever possible, stamped out.
* residents rightly look to the housing associations which own and manage the new homes at Blackbird Leys to lead the local fight against crime and anti-social behaviour
* crime and anti-social behaviour can only be tackled effectively with the active involment and co-operation of everyone in the community

A Safe Estate

These are the principles on which the associations are building a strategy to tackle these problems. At the heart of this strategy will be efforts to have a 'Safe Estate Agreement' for Blackbird Leys, between the housing associations, City Council , Police and residents. The agreement will bring together the responsibilities and powers of all the agencies to make sure that if there is a serious problem it can be dealt with quickly and decisively by a combined effort.

Pulling Together

Because partnership and co-operation are critical in tackling crime and anti-social behaviour, the housing associations are keen to find and build solutions as part of the work on residents involvement and community development at Blackbird Leys.

Residents must be assured that the housing associations will take notice of concerns and suggestions which are communicated via the various groups and forums at Blackbird Leys, and feel confident and safe about reporting incidents to the associations.

Watch future issues of Leys News for reports on progress with the strategy and for what YOU can do to help keep Blackbird Leys safe.

Ian Hembrow, Oxford Citizens Housing Association
Penny Mobbs, Cherwell Housing Trust
David Truesdale, Ealing Family and Northcote Housing Associations

TRANSFERS

The agreement with Oxford City Council allows the Associations to use a quarter of the re-lets at Fry's Hill and Greater Leys for existing tenants needing a transfer. To qualify for a transfer you need to be in one of the following situations:

* seriously overcrowded
* underoccupying - that is the house/flat is too big for you and your family
* suffering from harassment

Unless the situation is very serious you will also need to have a clear rent account.

If you want to move and think you will qualify to go on the transfer list please contact your housing association for a form. If you need to move and don't fit into one of the groups you should discuss the situation with your housing officer.

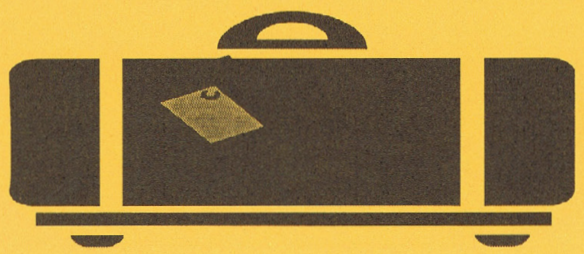
Clare Leal
Housing Manager
Oxford Citizens Housing Association

OCHA NEWS

We have received a number of comments and requests for the removal of gas fires from lounges. The heating systems have been designed to be sufficient for the properties without the gas fire.

If any OCHA residents would like their fire removed to release a little more floor space, please put your request to Jenny in Maintenance Administration on . ☎ **773000**.

Peter Bowen,
Maintenance Manager,
Oxford Citizens Housing Association



LETTERS PAGE

Dear Leys News

Here is a bit of information which might be useful for the residents of OX4. I just rang the Quote lines of 7 Insurance Companies to see if I could get a more competitive premium.
I found T.S.B. Insurance the lowest saving me £20 a year on £16000 content insurance. Their Freephone number is **0800 758 300.**

Also that Littlewoods Index Shopping Catalogue when paying cash more often than not, is much cheaper than buying direct from manufacturer, and most stores including Argos.

Is there any news on Neighbourhood Watch?*
Have a good 1997.

P.S. An idea has just hit me. Now winter is upon us, I am having some difficulties in drying washing. I wonder how many other residents have the same problem.
As the nearest launderettes are either by Iffley Rd, Co-op and Cowley Rd near Tesco. Would it be viable either to have a drying facility or even a launderette on site.

Paul R. Birch

Ed. See article on Keep it Safe page 9

❖ DIARY ❖

Rainbow Playgroup
Reopening
Tuesday 21st January 1997

The Leys Residents Association
First Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 11th February

Easter Playscheme
1st to 4th April

Leys News
Deadline for articles
Thursday 10th April 1997

✱✱ FOOTBALL ✱✱

Hi - My name is Paul Fitzpatrick, I am 28 years old, and like a lot people living on the estate I find there are not many activities that I can go along to myself and have a bit of fun and a good evening socialising with different people. That is why I have asked someone at Connection to put this advert in the next Leys News Bulletin. What I want to say to you is that with a bit of co-operation with other groups e.g. Leisure Centre for football pitches, and with enough fully committed men - over 18, single or married - who take it seriously - then there is no reason why we can't get this off the ground - I'm making enquiries about booking a regular weekly session and in a few months we could go on to build a full eleven players with subs and try and join a league. We may even be able to get some funding through a charity to get a set of football kit. I know this may sound far, it's years away, but I'm just an ordinary bloke unemployed, who wants to get something put in the community. My passion for football will mean I will try hard to make this work. I am sure there must be a lot of people on the estate who would like to play football as part of a team, to train together and get to know each other?!!
If you are interested, please drop me a note c/o Connection, the Farmhouse, Nightingale Avenue, Blackbird Leys, with your name and how to contact you, and I will be in touch in a month or so.

Paul Fitzpatrick

BLACKBIRD LEYS ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Basic Black and White Photography Project
For Young People
age 12 - 16 years

on Thursdays - 7.30 to 9 p.m.
TERM TIME ONLY

cost: 50p per session
including materials

wheelchair accessible

For More Information Telephone
☎(01865) 747704

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Housing Associations:

- Cherwell Housing Trust
  - Norma Farr 722711
  - Emma Largey
- Ealing Family Housing Association
  - Elaine Partridge 712244
- Oxford Citizens Housing Association
  - Linda Gwynn 773000
  - Tues. 1 - 4 p.m. 770044
- Northcote Housing Association 712244

Environmental Health Department

- Abandoned vehicles 252818
- Noise 252556
- Syringe / Needles 249811
- Out Of Hours Via Police 266000
- Dog Warden 747390

Caretakers

- Ken Cook 0378 936296
- Dave Bird

(both only for extreme emergencies: danger to life or property)

Dovecote

- Carol Baxter 712299
- Joanne Smith

Tenant Participation Worker

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